

## CONTENT PROTECTION FOR DIGITAL MEDIA

### Abstract of the Disclosure

- In general, the invention allows for content protection of digital data by
- 5    intentionally introducing errors introduced within error correction information  
during the production or generation of an original digital medium, or any  
authorized copy thereof. The errors may be introduced within error correction  
information corresponding to the stored content, such as a software application,  
audio or video file, or within a stored "access key" used to access the content. The  
10   errors may be introduced, for example, at the time of manufacturing of the medium  
or when making an authorized copy of digital data. When authenticating digital  
media, the erroneous error correction information is disregarded and corresponding  
"raw" uncorrected data is used for authentication purposes.

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